



*Parkway Little League*  
P.O. Box 320152  
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Agenda for PLL BOD Meeting 4/9/2018 - 7:30 p.m., Clubhouse

**Present:**

Keith Barry  
Ian Browne  
John Burns  
Rich Curran  
John Flynn  
Pat Goonan  
Matt Maiona  
Rob McLaughlin  
Rich Myers  
Brian Nolan  
Maria Luisa-Plascencia  
Adam Polgreen  
Dennis Roache  
Gary Russell  
Sean Russell  
John Sarro  
Rick Treseler

**Senior Member:**

Tim Mills

**Administrator from local Little League district:**

Joe Castellano

**4:9:1**

**New substitution rule.**

Joe Castellano and Adam Polgreen explain that a new Little League rule states that substitutions in the batting order are now the same as for tournament play. A player can no longer re-enter the game in a different spot in the batting order.

**11:13:5**

**Opening Day preparation.**

The board approved a gift card for long-time organizer of the parade Tom Donahue. The police, fire truck, Prime Motors, Foley Motors have all been arranged for the procession. Wally the Green Monster will be at Billing.

**4:9:2**



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**Update on elected officials for the parade.**

The Mayor should be at the complex by 12:30. The governor should be there by 1. Tim McCarthy and Matt O'Malley are among the others expected to be present.

**3:12:7**

**Safety officer update**

Concussion test requirements need to be adjusted on the website. All coaches need to take the concussion test. In addition, John Burns put together a letter going out to all Parkway families that every volunteered coach who steps on the field has been background checked via the state Cori form and the national background check through JDP. It is essential for the board and each division GM to make sure there are no coaches in any circumstance who haven't been background checked. Umpires and other officials who are paid by the league also must submit background check forms.

**Action:** Brian Nolan to e-mail letter written by John Burns stating that all PLL volunteers have been background checked by the league.

**4:9:3**

**Player injury/absence committee**

For the second year in a row, PLL board has a 3-person player injury/absence committee for Majors division to insure all teams are being transparent with their rosters. Any absences (two consecutive games or more) due to injury or other circumstances should be reported to player agent Maria-Luisa Plasencia so the committee can determine if the team needs to call up a player from the Minors. It is noted that if teams aren't transparent with the injuries, the board may have to go to a system where the winning coach submits attendance for both teams after every game.

**Action:** Board approves the selection of the three-person Player injury/absence committee of Maria Luisa-Plasencia, Ian Browne and Adam Polgreen.

**4:9:4**

**Corrib Raffle Ticket distribution**

All teams have received 5 Corrib raffle tickets to submit to the families. All need to be returned by Sunday, May 27, whether they are sold or unsold.

**11:13:7**



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**Sponsorship update**

Rob McLaughlin, with the help of other board members, moved signs at the complex. Not too many signs have come in yet, but there is plenty of space for them. There is room for about five new signs at Praught and 10 at Bunker. Rob will stay on top of sponsors who haven't paid yet. Rob states that the mass mailing to sponsors worked, and it paid for itself, and recommends the same process next year.

**11:13:2**

**Facility update**

The fence is still being worked on. It should be done by Opening Day. Fields have been de-thatched, and still clearing brush. Once the new mats are finished in the batting cage, Keith Barry will let Adam Polgreen know so that all teams can start using it. New foul poles will also be up.

**Action:** Board approves ordering new trash barrels that are covered to keep trash safe from squirrels, etc.

**4:9:4**

**Boundary adjustment.**

The family of Jayden Lopez (age 11) and Justin Lopez (age 6) requested a boundary adjustment in Hyde Park. They live one street beyond the boundary. Without the boundary adjustment, Jayden Lopez is not eligible for tournament play. Board reaches a consensus that the timing isn't right in the middle of the season to move the boundary for one player. Adam mentions a broader discussion can take place about expanding the boundary in the future.

**4:9:5**

**Umpire training update:**

On-field training for new umpires will take place on April 17. The Minors season will start with umpires from previous years, and new umps will be put into the mix once they complete on-field training. Mike O'Reilly said he will use some of the more experienced junior umpires in Majors games.

**11:13:9**

**Equipment update:**

Ordering of bats wound up being significantly cheaper than budgeted. Adam notes we came in under budget on ordering of equipment.

**4:9:6**

**Service project with Rotary:**



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Adam says we will designate select weekends for Parkway League teams to help do a service project with Rotary. We will find teams to contribute and provide canned goods, and similar items.

**2:12:1**

**Apparel update.**

Flash store selling PLL merchandise is live on the website; we need to promote it more. Merchandise will be sold at a table on Opening Day.

**4:9:7**

**Registration update.**

Brian Nolan says we are at capacity for Triple-A and Double-A. Still accepting registration for Single-A and T-ball. We have 671 players in Parkway Little League as of April 9.

**4:9:8**

**Update on donation to Jason Roberts**

Same contribution as in the past for use of Jason Roberts has been agreed on.

**Action:** Board approves motion for contribution to Challenger League for use of Jason Roberts.

**4:9:9**

**Start tradition to honor 12-year-olds.**

Adam Polgreen suggests finding a way to honor outgoing 12-year-olds such as a "graduation game" or a Home run derby/skills night. It would be nice to send off these kids in some way, could be start of a nice tradition.